## **PATENT**

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Byrum et al.

: Paper No:

Serial No.

10/676,288

: Group Art Unit:

3731

Filed:

October 1, 2003

: Examiner:

Michael G. Mendoza

For:

4.

GASTRIC BAND INTRODUCTION DEVICE

Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of March 16, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

/9 W

enter

V/ease